

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 12-16, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27 and 30 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1, 4, 6, 16, 19 and 21 being independent.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1, 4, 6, 12-16, 24 and 30 are allowed. As shown above, minor changes have been made to Claims 1, 4 and 6, but these changes are submitted to be editorial in nature and do not alter the allowed status of the claims.

Claims 7-11, 17-23 and 25-29 have been withdrawn from consideration for being directed to a non-elected invention. Of these claims, Claims 7-11, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28 and 29 have been cancelled. With regard to the remaining claims, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 19 and 21 correspond to examined Claims 4 and 6, respectively, in the same way that allowed Claim 16 corresponds to Claim 1. Therefore, consideration of Claims 19 and 21 is respectfully requested. Moreover, Claims 25 and 27 depend from Claims 4 and 6, respectively, in the same way that allowed Claim 24 depends from Claim 1. Consideration and entry of Claims 25 and 27 is therefore also requested.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Sevat '382. Initially, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 30 was incorrectly listed in this rejection, as it depends from Claim 1 and is indicated as allowable in paragraph 3 (page 3) of the Office Action.

Without conceding to the propriety of this rejection, Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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